

Sunset Public Hearing Questions for
TENNESSEE WARS COMMISSION
Created by Section 4-11-501, *Tennessee Code Annotated*
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1. Provide a brief introduction to the Tennessee Wars Commission, including information about its purpose, statutory duties, staff, and administrative attachment.

TCA 4-110-501 created the Tennessee Wars Commission to “coordinate planning, preservation and promotion of the structures, buildings, sites and battlefields of Tennessee associated with the French and Indian War, American Revolution, War of 1812, U.S.-Mexican War, and the War Between the States”. TCA 4-11-503 designates the Tennessee Historical Commission to be the Tennessee Wars Commission. Therefore, the duties of the Tennessee Wars Commission are only a part of the duties of the Tennessee Historical Commission, and there is some overlapping of the two, although technically there is one Commission. (See Attachment #1, Duties and Objectives.)

There is only one staff person involved in the duties of the Tennessee Wars Commission, and he is part of the staff of the Tennessee Historical Commission and paid from its budget.

2. Provide a list of current commission members, or their designees, and describe how membership complies with Section 4-11-503, *Tennessee Code Annotated*. Are there any vacancies on the commission and, if so, what is being done to fill those vacancies?

The members of the Tennessee Wars Commission are the members of the Tennessee Historical Commission, which is composed of 24 members appointed by the governor, (eight from each division of the state) and four ex officio members. There are several members over 60 years of age, 7 female members, and 5 minority members (Attachment #2). There are no vacancies, and vacancies are filled by the governor.

3. What per diem or travel reimbursement do members receive? How much was paid to commission members during fiscal years 2011 and 2012? Were any other expenses charged to the commission?

Members are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter. These travel expenses amounted to \$15,131.59 in FY2011 and \$13,025.15 (to date) in FY 2012. There were no other expenses charged to the commission.

4. What were the commission’s revenues (by source) and expenditures (by object) for fiscal years 2011 and 2012?

Tennessee Wars Commission, Fiscal Year 2011

Appropriations	\$149,700.00
<u>Federal Revenue:</u>	
Battlefield Preservation	\$1,900,000.00
<u>Interdepartmental:</u>	
Johnsonville State Historic Area	\$9,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,056,900.00
Expenditures:	
Printing	\$29,850.00
Grants	\$2,027,050.00
TOTAL	\$2,056,900.00

Tennessee Wars Commission, Fiscal Year 2012

Appropriations	\$149,700.00
<u>Federal Revenue:</u>	
Battlefield preservation	<u>\$41,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$190,700.00
Expenditures:	
Grants	<u>\$96,125.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$94,575.00</u>

5. How many times did the commission meet during fiscal years 2011 and 2012 and how many members were present at each meeting?

The Commission meets each February, June, and October, so in 2011 and 2012 they met three times each year. Attendance for the 24 members appointed by the governor plus the four ex officio members was as follows:

<u>FY 2011</u>		<u>FY 2012</u>	
October	13	October	17
February	22	February	22
June	18	June	

6. Section 4-11-505(b) requires the commission to file an annual report with the Governor and both speakers of the General Assembly. Please attach copies of the last two reports. What other reports does the commission prepare on its operations, activities, and accomplishments, and who receives these reports?

Copies of FY 2011 and FY 2012 reports are being submitted. Other report activities and accomplishments are sent to all Tennessee Historical Commission members and are listed on our web site.

7. Does the commission have a web site? If so, please provide its web address. What kind of public information is provided on the site?

The main page of the Tennessee Wars Commission is:

<http://www.tnhistoricalcommission.org>

There are links on that page to a number of reports and publications of the Commission, including the brochure, *A Path Divided: Tennessee's Civil War Heritage Trail*. Hard copies of reports of activities of the Commission are also provided.

8. Is the commission subject to Sunshine law requirements (Section 8-44-101 et seq., *Tennessee Code Annotated*) for public notice of meetings, prompt and full recording of minutes, and public access to minutes? If so, what procedure does the commission have for informing the public of its meetings and making its minutes available to the public?

Yes, the Commission is subject to Sunshine law requirements. Advance notice of meetings is always given on the TDEC website at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/sunshine/#thc> and in the online newsletter that appears prior to each meeting (and prior to the printed edition) located at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/hist/courier/> In addition, we have begun issuing press releases in advance of meetings. Minutes of the meetings are always available to the public per request.

9. Does the commission have the authority to promulgate rules? If so, and the commission has promulgated rules, please cite the reference. If such authority is not granted, does the commission feel that authority is needed?

The Commission has no authority to promulgate rules. At this time we do not feel it is needed.

10. What were the commission's major accomplishments during fiscal years 2011 and 2012? Specifically, describe the nature and extent of commission activities as they pertain to the nine enumerated powers and duties defined in Section 4-11-502, *Tennessee Code Annotated*.

The Tennessee Wars Commission Major Accomplishments:

- **The Tennessee Wars Commission and its preservation partners saved over 850 acres of endangered Civil War battlefield land last year. The Civil War Trust,**

the American Battlefield Protection Program and local partners contributed funds exceeding \$2,729,000.

- Since the Wars Commission was created in 1994 over 7,000 acres of battlefield land in Tennessee has been preserved. The National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program has contributed over \$3,000,000 for six endangered Tennessee battlefields, allowing the TWC to secure over \$7,464,061 in non-federal leveraged matching funds, for a total of \$10,350,363.
- In the coming year, the Wars Commission will use \$3,019,840 in transportation enhancement funding for land preservation at Fort Donelson in Stewart County, Shiloh National Military Park and Fallen Timbers Battlefields in Hardin County, and state owned Davis Bridge Battlefield in Hardeman and McNairy Counties. Over 97 percent of the original Parker's Crossroads Battlefield in Henderson County and approximately the same percentage at Davis Bridge Battlefield has been preserved through partnerships between the Tennessee Wars Commission, The Civil War Trust, the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program, and the City of Parkers Crossroads acting as primary caretakers of the site. This unique contractual agreement with the City, frees the State of Tennessee from additional financial obligations.
- In 2011 the Tennessee Wars Commission created and published, *An Interpretive Plan for Camp Blount Memorial Park Tennessee's War of 1812 and Creek War Memorial*, in Fayetteville, Tennessee. The planning document is being used in negotiations currently underway to acquire 40 acres of the historic Camp Blount site along the scenic Elk River. The plan calls for interpretive loop trails that chronicle the camp where 3,500 Tennessee militia volunteers trained under Major-General Andrew Jackson in October of 1813, just prior to their involvement in the Creek Indian War. Camp Blount was again utilized as a training camp by 3,100 Tennessee militia troops who later fought in the Battle of New Orleans in 1814. This historic site is one of only 9 War of 1812 sites recorded in Tennessee and its significance as a future historic tourist destination can not be underestimated.
- Since 1998 the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program has contributed nearly \$3,000,000 through the offices of the Tennessee Wars and Historical Commission for six of Tennessee most endangered battlefields. Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Parkers Crossroads, Davis Bridge (Hatchie Bridge), Spring Hill and Chattanooga.
- The Wars Commission coordinated and finalized purchase of 650 acres at the Davis Bridge Battlefield, completing protection for 98 percent of the site (854 acres) which is one of Tennessee's 38 most significant Civil War battlefields as sited in the National Park Service publication, *Update to the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nations Civil War Battlefields* (2009).

- The Tennessee Wars Commission was awarded Federal Enhancement Funding totaling \$3,019,840 to facilitate preservation and interpretation projects of endangered “hallowed ground” near Fort Donelson Battlefield in Dover, Shiloh National Military Park in Hardin County, Davis Bridge Battlefield in McNairy and Hardeman Counties, and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield in Henderson County. These federal funds allowed the Tennessee Wars Commission to secure over \$7,464,061 in non-federal leveraged matching funds for a total battlefield land acquisition of over \$10,000,000.
- The Wars Commission recently funded archeological investigations near the historic Carter House in Franklin to locate the site of the original Carter family Cotton Gin. Additional investigation centered near the Carter Family Garden site, where 40 yards of Union infantry ditching were investigated revealing information about Union and Confederate troops who fought in hand-to-hand combat over the site.
- The Tennessee Wars Commission Director of Programs assisted the National Park Service’s (NPS) American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) in updating and revising the State of Tennessee section of the National Park Service 1993 publication, *Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation’s Civil War Battlefields*. Over 20,426 acres have been set aside permanently in Tennessee and public-private partnerships have saved one-third of those lands, some 7,319.82 acres. The updated NPS publication credits the Wars Commission by stating, “Tennessee offers a model for successful cooperative Civil War battlefield stewardship with preservation achievements notable at all levels of government – federal, state, and through efforts of many public-private groups...A good deal of the credit for this remarkable rate of land conservation goes to the Tennessee Wars Commission.”
- The Wars Commission recently completed acquisition of a 20-acre tract of core battlefield property at Davis Bridge Battlefield in partnership with non-profit Civil War preservation organizations to match grants from the federal government’s TEA Enhancement Program and the National Park Service’s, American Battlefield Protection Program.
- A new Tennessee Wars Commission publication entitled, *Ready to Die for Liberty*, is currently being prepared for publication by 2013. The educational booklet tells the story of Tennessee African Americans pre war and during the war years as United States Colored Troops (USCT), and post war reconstruction years. Digital copies will be created and sent to all Tennessee schools.
- The Tennessee Wars Commission funded the creation of 13 interpretive wayside trail signs and kiosk for Johnsonville (Civil War) State Historic Area in Humphreys County. Wars Commission funds also created an educational

documentary film focusing on the Battle of Johnsonville and recently aired on National Public Television. The interpretive film will be shown in the theater of the Johnsonville Historic Area Interpretive and Welcome Center (in Humphreys County) scheduled to be opened in 2012. Tennessee Wars Commission director Fred Prouty, along with other state officials, appears in the film as historical consultants.

- The Wars Commission continues to fund the newest version of our Tennessee Civil War trail brochure, *A Path Divided*. The 50-page color brochure continues to be the most requested brochure at our statewide Tennessee Welcome Centers.
- Executive Director Patrick McIntyre of the Tennessee Historical Commission and Tennessee Wars Commission Director of Programs Fred Prouty are board members of Governor Phil Bredesen's Tennessee Civil War 150th Sesquicentennial Commission. Members have completed our second year of signature events and continue to formulate plans for future events. The Tennessee 150th Civil War web site continues with on going updates including the development of the Tennessee Civil War Trails System, now with over 250 wayside trail signs statewide.
- Through a grant to the Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association, the Tennessee Wars Commission developed an extensive plan to address issues related to the preservation, management, and interpretation of four significant historic sites in the Castilian Springs, Tennessee area. Wynnwood State Historic Site, Castilian Springs Mound Site, Bledsoe's Fort, and Hawthorne Hill were discussed at length in the completed report and included an "action plan" designed to steer the Historic Bledsoe's Lick Association over the next 10 years. The plan forms the basis for future historic tourism development in the area and has the potential to develop an interpretive program, within a park atmosphere, explaining the area's historic resources that range from its 10,000 year old Native American roots through the early frontier settlement era.
- Funded by a grant from the Tennessee Wars Commission and matching grant from the American Battlefield Preservation Program (ABPP), a web site entitled, *Tennessee Civil War Documentary Sourcebook*, (a word searchable web site), was established based on extensive archival research completed by Dr. Jim Jones, Public Historian for the Tennessee Historical Commission. The web site has become extremely beneficial for research of Tennessee military and civilian activities during the Civil War era. Wars Director Fred Prouty has contributed an extensive Tennessee "Civil War Glossary" of military terms for the Sourcebook as an interpretive tool. The Sourcebook can be viewed at, <http://tennsos.org/TSLA/civilwarsourcebook/index.htm>.
- Franklin's Charge Association has completed a preservation plan and study of the endangered National Register Civil War era field fortifications located in

Triune (Williamson County). The plan, funded by a Wars Commission grant, addresses current ownership and information gleaned from public meetings held with the properties owners. The plan will serve as an important resource for continuing preservation efforts of this significant Tennessee site. A recent tour of the historic Triune field fortifications, lead by director Prouty, was held for members of Franklin's Charge Civil War preservation organization was the seventy tour

- During the past year the Tennessee Wars Commission agreed to hold conservation easements on land acquired at Fort Donelson through the efforts of the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) and the National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP). Easements were obtained through the State Lands Acquisition Committee and approved by the State Building Commission. The State has now obtained an option to acquire interests in many acres of endangered core battlefield land at the Fort Donelson, Shiloh and several other significant Tennessee battlefield sites, making theses "hallowed grounds" official state conservation easements.**
- The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society (BONPS) received a Tennessee Wars Commission grant for the final payoff of the mortgage on the Redoubt Number One, one of the last remaining Confederate field fortifications from the Battle of Nashville. Tennessee Wars Commission funding was matched dollar-for-dollar and the debt retired by local non-profit preservation groups. The historic property is now a conservation easement held by The Land Trust of Tennessee and contains interpretive signage and brochures.**
- A Wars Commission grant to the Lakeway Civil War Preservation Association of Morristown, Tennessee, has helped to restore and interpret the historic Longstreet/ Nenny Home in Russellville (Hamblen County). The house was used as headquarters by Confederate Lieutenant General James Longstreet and his staff during the winter campaign of 1863-1864. The restored house will act as a Welcome Center for public education and tourism of regional historical Civil War sites.**
- The Tennessee Wars Commission received an \$864,500 funding grant from the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund (THCTF) to complete the purchase of 643 acres of endangered Battlefield property at Davis Bridge in Hardeman and McNairy County. The THCTF grant was matched by our project partners, the American Battlefield Protection Program (\$864,500), and the Civil War Preservation Trust (\$200,000), for a total of \$1,929,000. With the addition of the above newly acquired property, approximately 98 percent of the original battlefield acreage has now been preserved and contains over 860 acres of "hallowed ground". Along with the above grant total of \$1,929,000 the Tennessee State Lands Acquisition Committee approved a \$61,000.00 Wars Commission funding request for administrative and closing costs connected with the Davis Bridge Battlefield property acquisition. This**

brings the total Tennessee Wars Commission grant funding for Davis Bridge Battlefield projects totaling nearly \$2,000,000.

- In addition to the above requests, an urgent plea was made to the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund (THCTF) on behalf of the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Preservation Association to help secure 87 acres of endangered core battlefield property for sale at the battlefield site in Henderson County. The request for \$300,000.00 was approved and was matched by \$400,000.00 obtained from the Tennessee Lands Acquisition Fund and \$100,000.00 granted by the Civil War Preservation Trust. The \$800,000.00 purchase has now been closed and property will be incorporated into the existing 206-acre battlefield interpretive program.
- During 2009 the Tennessee Wars Commission received a TEA-21 Enhancement Grant from Governor Phil Bredsen for \$929,132. The Wars Commission submitted the TEA-21 Enhancement Grant Funds, in the previous year, for the rehabilitation of the Pocahontas Schoolhouse (in Hardeman County) as a new interpretive center for the state owned Davis Bridge Battlefield. The creation of an interpretive trail system for the site is currently ongoing and in design phase for the entire 860 acre Davis Bridge Battlefield. The Trail will include interpretive signage and kiosks, handicapped accessible pedestrian trails for the entire battlefield. The grant also includes brochures, website and placement of artillery pieces at strategic points on the battlefield.
- Parker's Crossroads Battlefield received a \$90,708 Enhancement grant to create eight interpretive waysides, 5,800 feet of paved trails. The funds will expand and enhance over 8,180 feet of existing trails and 33 interpretive wayside signs. The "TE" Enhancement Fund application was prepared and submitted by the Tennessee Wars Commission for the continuation of the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Trail Project, currently ongoing.
- The Wars Commission has recently participated in the state land acquisition process for several battlefield properties located near existing National Battlefields at Shiloh and Fort Donelson National Military Parks saving over 366 acres. These newest acquisitions will in time be turned over to the National Park System as primary caretakers of the properties in perpetuity. Recent land acquisitions at Fallen Timbers Battlefield located just south of Shiloh, contains over 266 acres. This important site will become part of the Shiloh battlefield trail system and will interpreted portion of the Shiloh trail system.
- Property acquisitions at Tennessee's Davis Bridge Battlefield in McNairy and Hardemen Counties and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield in Henderson County, have been secured with matching funds from the Tennessee Wars Commission, the Civil War Trust (a national non-profit Civil War preservation organization), the National Park Services, American Battlefield

Protection Program, and the Tennessee State Lands Acquisition Fund. To date the Tennessee Wars Commission has been awarded over 3 million dollars in Civil War battlefield preservation funding from the above preservation partners and we have secured over \$7,464,061 in non-federal leveraged matching funds for a total battlefield land acquisition cost of over \$10,350,000.

- City of Parkers Crossroads has been given a matching grant for creation of an interpretive documentary Civil War film, highlighting the Battle of Parkers Crossroads and is to be shown in the new Battlefield Welcome Center.
- The Tennessee Wars Commission has completed a re-release of our film, *Hallowed Ground, Preserving Tennessee's Battlefields*. This collaboration between the Wars Commission and the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission will place the Emmy award winning film in the hands of our state schoolteachers during our Sesquicentennial 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States.
- The Wars Commission has funded a survey of Parkers Crossroads Battlefield in an attempt to locate possible Civil War military burial sites presumed to be located on recently obtained 52-acre tract of core battlefield. The project was headed by the University of Tennessee Archeological Department using their ground penetrating radar (GPR) capabilities.
- Tennessee Wars Commission has granted matching funds of \$15,000 to the Civil War Trust to purchase battlefield acreage at Parkers Crossroads Battlefield in Henderson County. This is one of the last significant land parcel acquisitions to be made within the core battlefield now containing over 365 acres.
- The Wars Commission has made a grant of \$25,0000 to match National Park Service, American Battlefield Preservation Program funds for the purchase of an endangered and significant tract of property on the Davis Bridge Battlefield in Hardeman County and McNairy Counties. The site now contains over 850 acres of core battlefield and work continues on development of a trail system and pedestrian bridge across the Hatchie River.
- The Tennessee State Library and Archives Friends Association was granted funding for the transcription and entry of material to create a searchable database of Federal Civil War Era Burial Sheets preserved in the National Archives, Washington, DC. This information will give a complete listing of burials in the Nashville area and will also provide the locations of exhumed burials that were transferred to the Nashville National Cemetery during and after the Civil War. This information also contains the names of former slaves who joined the federal army in Tennessee and gives the location and addresses of their former owners. This information will add significantly to the

genealogical base of African American activities in Tennessee during the war years.

- Work is ongoing through the Jackson Foundation and Renaissance Center of Dickson, Tennessee to create a DVD video presentation entitled, *One and Undivided*, a first person account by Tennesseans who lived through the Civil War. The DVD will be made available to all Tennessee state schools systems for use in Tennessee history classes.
 - The Wars Commission has granted operational funds to the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (TCWPA) that includes the ongoing operation of their Civil War battlefield assessment program and the recent launch of their new TCWPA website. The web site may be accessed at: www.tcwpa.org.
11. Does the commission set goals and measure its performance compared to the goals? What performance indicators or goals does management use to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of the commission? How well has the commission performed, based on those performance indicators?

The Performance indicators or goals used by the Tennessee Wars Commission to measure effectiveness and efficiency are as follows:

PM#	Performance Measure (PM)	Performance Results
1	To publish survey results of Tennessee Civil War Sites	Published <i>A Survey of Civil War Era Military Sites in Tennessee</i> that included more than 500 Civil War Sites in Tennessee
2	To publish a statewide Civil War driving tour brochure	Published, <i>A Path Divided, Tennessee's Civil War Heritage Trail</i> driving tour brochures and delivered to all state Welcome Centers every summer
3	To produce a Tennessee Civil War preservation video for all state schools	Created an Emmy award winning video, <i>Hallowed Ground, Preserving Tennessee's Battlefields</i> ; geared to 5 th , 8 th , and 11 th grades and to be sent to over 2000 schools statewide
4	To create a State of Tennessee web site to inform the general public of the Tennessee Wars Commission's activities	Created the Tennessee Wars Commission "Gazette Newsletter" web site and the TN Civil War Sourcebook word searchable web site.
5	To create a web site version of the Tennessee statewide Civil War driving tour brochure	Created, <i>A Path Divided, Tennessee's Civil War Heritage Trail</i> web site revised each year.
6	To create an in-depth Tennessee Civil War documentary sourcebook for state libraries and schools	Created, <i>Tennessee Civil War Documentary Sourcebook CD-ROM</i> , to be sent to all Tennessee schools and

		libraries, work ongoing.
7	To purchase available significant Civil War properties in Tennessee	Preserved over 900 acres of endangered state battlefield sites this year, total to date 3,000 acres.
8	To create, fund, and publish a report on underwater Civil War cultural resources at Johnsonville Battle site in the Tennessee River near Dover Tennessee	Published an underwater archaeological report, brochure and created a web site. The information to be used in the proposed Johnsonville Battlefield Welcome Center
9	To develop a Civil War brochure for East Tennessee	Developed, published, and printed 70,000 copies of the East Tennessee Civil War Driving Tour brochure, <i>From Bridge to Bridge the Civil War in East Tennessee</i>
10	To conduct statistical research and produce a report on Tennessee's yearly Civil War tourism visitation	Published a report showing there were over 5 million visitors to Tennessee's Civil War sites and over 6 million "virtual visitors" to Tennessee's Civil War web sites.
11	Tennessee Wars/Historical Commission secure Tennessee Conservation easement for state battlefield acquisitions	Several Deeds of Conservation Easement have been secured to help in the acquisition of endangered state Civil War sites
12	To produce a Revolutionary War and War of 1812 state wide site report	Published, <i>A Survey of Sites Related to the American Revolution and War of 1812 in Tennessee</i> that listed 236 potential sites
13	To produce a revision of the Nation Park Service (NPS) Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on Nations Battlefields.	Entered into a Cooperative Agreement with NPS that resulted in a revision of the Report .
14	To create a report on Civil War sites in the Strawberry Plains area of Tennessee	Published, <i>Assessment and Preservation Plan for Strawberry Plains Battlefield and Fortifications</i> , in Jefferson County
15	To prepare National Register Nominations for several Civil War sites in Tennessee	Prepared and submitted to NPS National Register Nominations for several Civil Wars sites in Tennessee.
16	To obtain funding for the acquisition of endangered Civil War battlefield property	Received NPS funds to purchase endangered core battlefield property
17	To create a video presentation for the New Johnsonville Civil War Interpretive Center	A new 25-minute interpretive film has been produced with Wars Commission funds.

12. Describe any items related to the commission that require legislative attention and your proposed legislative changes.

None

13. Should this commission be continued? Why or why not?

We feel that the Tennessee Wars Commission should be continued. It provides many services which are not provided by any other state agencies. It is the only state agency involved in the preservation of battlefield and other historic sites relating to the activities of the wars fought on Tennessee soil, which are significant in the history of the state. The Commission receives state and federal grants and awards funds to counties, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations for maintaining and restoring memorials related to the wars. It provides literature and videotapes to schools throughout the state to assist the schools in teaching the history of Tennessee and its participation in the wars. The schools are unable to provide adequate teaching aids in these areas. Perhaps the most visibly significant result of the Commission's work is its contribution to the tourism industry in Tennessee, which is very helpful to the state's economy. Statistics from the Department of Tourist Development indicate that over 5,000,000 visitors a year come to Tennessee to visit Civil War sites. Also, the Tennessee Department of Transportation reported that at all statewide welcome centers, the Tennessee Wars Commission Civil War trail brochure, *A Path Divided*, is one of the two most requested brochures.

14. Please list all commission programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance and, therefore are required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Include the amount of federal funding received by program/activity.

The Commission receives federal financial assistance in grants, from which the Commission assists in the purchase of battlefield sites and related activities.

If the commission does receive federal assistance, please answer questions 15 through 22. If the commission does not receive federal assistance, proceed directly to question 21.

15. Does your commission prepare a Title VI plan? If yes, please provide a copy of the most recent plan.

The TDEC has a Title VI Plan that's developed for and applicable to all TDEC programs.

16. Does your commission have a Title VI coordinator? If yes, please provide the Title VI coordinator's name and phone number and a brief description of his/her duties. If not, provide the name and phone number of the person responsible for dealing with Title VI issues.

The TDEC has a Title VI Coordinator and Complaint Officer.

Coordinator: Costin Shamble (615-253-8337) - Facilitate Title VI compliance activities; review data and make recommendations of actions to enhance Title VI compliance; conduct Title VI training programs; compile Department's Title VI Implementation Plan; represent the TDEC at meetings on Title VI.

Complaint Officer: M. C. Holland (615-532-0153) - Receives Title VI complaints; conducts an investigation of complaints; facilitates a remedy of Title VI concerns; makes recommendation(s) of actions needed to resolve complaint.

17. To which state or federal agency (if any) does your commission report concerning Title VI? Please describe the information your commission submits to the state or federal government and/or provide a copy of the most recent report submitted.

The TDEC is required to submit an annual Title VI Implementation Plan to the State Comptroller of the Treasury. Additionally, the Plan is submitted to and reviewed by the Title VI Legislative Sub-Committee of the State Legislature. A public hearing is conducted annually on the Plan. Disadvantaged business participation is submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

18. Describe your commission's actions to ensure that commission staff and clients/program participants understand the requirements of Title VI.

Internally:

- **Mandatory Civil Rights training of TDEC staff included Title VI**
- **TDEC Title VI brochure distributed to Department staff**
- **Periodic discussions with staff, Title VI related actions/activities**
- **Staff participation in training programs offered by state and federal agencies**

Externally:

- **Participation in Community Title VI workshops and conferences**
- **Contract language includes Title VI compliance**
- **Posting of Civil Rights posters**
- **Distribution of Title VI brochure**

19. Describe your commission's actions to ensure it is meeting Title VI requirements. Specifically, describe any commission monitoring or tracking activities related to Title VI, and how frequently these activities occur.

Minority participation in TDEC programs and activities is reviewed by the Title VI Coordinator. Activities reviewed include: representation on boards, disadvantaged business participation, and public participation. Meetings with the Commissioner's staff are held to discuss minority participation issues at least quarterly. Disadvantaged business participation is submitted quarterly to the Environmental Protection Agency. A compilation of the TDEC's minority outreach and participation is reviewed routinely and compiled annually.

20. Please describe the commission's procedures for handling Title VI complaints. Has your commission received any Title VI-related complaints during the past two years? If yes, please describe each complaint, how each complaint was investigated, and how each complaint was resolved (or, if not yet resolved, the complaint's current status).

The TDEC did not receive a Title VI Complaint during fiscal year 2008-2009.

Complaint procedure:

Complaints must be filed in writing. The complaint should be filed on the TDEC's complaint form. The division director of the program will forward the complaint to the Title VI Complaint Officer.

TDEC will make a prompt investigation when a complaint or other information indicating a violation is received. If the investigation indicates a violation of Title VI, TDEC will notify the recipient and will attempt to resolve the matter informally. If the investigation indicates that a violation did not occur, TDEC will notify the recipient and the complainant in writing.

The Title VI Complaint Officer will submit findings and conclusions to TDEC Civil Rights Champions. The Assistant Commissioner will issue a decision on the investigation findings and conclusions. Decisions made by the Assistant Commissioner can be appealed to the Commissioner within 30 days of receipt of the decision.

A complaint may be filed with the appropriate Federal agency no later than 180 calendar days after the alleged discrimination occurred.

Citizen suits remain an option in this process.

TDEC's toll free hotline (1-888-891-8332), accessible statewide, is maintained and available for complaints.

21. Please provide a breakdown of current commission staff by title, ethnicity, and gender. **There is only one staff member for the Tennessee Wars Commission:**

Fred M. Prouty, Director of Programs, male, white.

22. Please list all commission contracts, detailing each contractor, the services provided, the amount of the contract, and the ethnicity of the contractor/business owner.

Tennessee Wars Commission Grants

FISCAL YEAR 2011

Contractor- Mark Johnson Photography, Inc. (FY 20011)

Service Description- Creation of a Website to pinpoint Civil War History in Tennessee based on content of the *Tennessee Civil War Sourcebook*, edited by Dr. Jim Jones of the THC.

Contract begin date- November 1, 2006

Contract Amended - 2009, 2010

Contract end date- December 31, 2010

State funds- \$9,339.12 (each year)

Federal funds None

Ethnicity: White

Contractor **Tennessee Wars Commission (FY 2011)**

Service Description For provision of matching funds to purchase a 20-acre tract of the endangered Davis Bridge Civil War Battlefield property.

Contract begin date June 28, 2010

Contract end date Sept. 30, 2010

State funds \$45,700.00

Federal funds None

Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor **Civil War Preservation Trust (FY 2011)**

Service Description For the provision of passing through Federal Enhancement Funds from the National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program for the acquisition of the Spring Hill Civil War Battlefield properties.

Contract begin date August 15, 2010

Contract end date November 30, 2010

State funds Yes

Federal funds \$1,900,000.00

Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor **Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (FY 2011)**

Service Description For the provision of Amendment #3 of previous contract for operational costs and update of TN battlefield assessment database web sit.

Contract begin date July 1, 2009

Contract end date June 30, 2010

State funds \$45,000.00

Federal funds None

Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor **Town of Collierville (FY 2011)**
Service Description For the provision of creating and publishing a Civil War tourism brochure of the Battle of Collierville and creation and instillation of 7 interpretive tour signs.
Contract begin date March 1, 2010
Contract end date February 28, 2011
State funds \$21,029.00
Federal funds None
Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor **Civil War Preservation Trust (FY 2011)**
Service Description Pass through for National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program funding for acquisition of property at Davis Bridge Battlefield.
Contract begin date June 28, 2010
Contract end date September 30, 2010
State funds \$45,700.00
Federal funds Yes
Ethnicity: White, African American male and female

Contractor **Civil War Preservation Trust (FY 2011)**
Service Description Pass through funds for Davis Bridge Battlefield from the American Battlefield Preservation Program, NPS.
Contract begin date September 1, 2010
Contract end date December 31, 2010
State funds Yes
Federal funds \$52,500
Ethnicity: White, African American, male, female

FISCAL YEAR 2012

Contractor **Civil War Preservation Trust (FY 2012)**
Service Description Endowment grant pass through from National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program for acquisition of property at Parkers Crossroads Battlefield.
Contract begin date August 1, 2010
Contract end date September 30, 2010
State funds \$41,000.00
Federal funds Yes
Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor- **The Jackson Foundation (FY 2012)**
Service Description- For the provision of development, casting and filming of a Civil War history theatrical DVD digital presentation for the Tennessee School Educational System and to be geared towards the 5th, 8th, and 11th grades.
Contract begin date- September 1, 2011
Contract end date- June 30, 2012
State funds- \$14,500.00
Federal funds None
Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor **Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (FY 2012)**
Service Description For the operational costs and updating battlefield assessment database web site for Tennessee Civil War battlefields.
Contract begin date July 1, 2011
Contract end date June 30, 2012
State funds \$25,000.00
Federal funds None
Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor- **Tennessee State Library and Archives Friends (FY 2012)**
Service Description- For the provision of the creation of a searchable digital database for 15,000 Civil War soldier burials at the Nashville National Cemetery.
Contract begin date- November 1, 2011
Contract end date- June 30, 2012
State funds- \$3,500.00
Federal match None
Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor- **Johnsonville State Historic Park (FY 2012)**
Service Description- For the creation and instillation of 13 wayside trail signs to interpret the Civil War era earthworks and associated sites of the upper and lower redoubt fortifications pertaining to the Battle of Johnsonville on November 4, 1864.
Contract begin date- July 1, 2011
Contract end date- June 30, 2012
State funds- \$9,000.00
Federal match None
Ethnicity: White, African American, male and female

Contractor- **The City of Parkers Crossroads (FY 2012)**
Service Description- For the provision of funding a matching grant for the creation and production of a 15-minute Civil War documentary video for the Parkers Crossroads Visitor and Interpretive Center.
Contract begin date- March 20, 2012
Contract end date- December 31, 2012
State funds- \$3,125.00
Federal Funds None
Ethnicity: White, male and female

TENNESSEE WARS COMMISSION
DUTIES & OBJECTIVES

The Tennessee General Assembly enacted legislation in April 1994 creating the Tennessee Wars Commission, which is administratively attached to the Tennessee Historical Commission..

The duties of the Wars Commission include the coordination of planning, preservation, and promotion of structures, buildings, sites, and battlefields in Tennessee associated with the French and Indian War (1754-1763), American Revolution War (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), U.S.-Mexican War (1846-1848), and the War Between the States (1861-1865). The Commission has developed a plan that provides incentives to local landowners and governments to preserve and restore battlefields and historic sites related to the above time frames. It is charged with acquiring or providing funds for the acquisition of battlegrounds, cemeteries, and other historic properties associated with the wars.

The Commission has the authority to expend funds received from state appropriations, and other sources, to make grants to municipalities, counties, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of maintaining and restoring existing memorials and cemeteries related to the wars. It is also authorized to receive and accept loans, gifts, grants, donations, or contributions of money, property, facilities, and services. The Commission may, with the consent of the landowner, acquire by donation, purchase, or exchange, lands and interests in battlefields, together with lands and interest in lands necessary to provide adequate public access to the battlefields and memorials. Subject to appropriations for such purposes, the Commission may make funds available for the maintenance and protection of battlefields and memorials.

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